Ramanputhur Kurusady Church road.

103. *MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received a petition addressed to the Executive Engineer on 30th November 1940 from the Trustee of the St. Antony's Church, Kurusady, for metalling the first six furlongs of the Ramanputhur Kurusady Church road which branches from Ramanputhur to 2nd mile Dharmapuram road in the Nagercoil Section;

(*b*) whether they have metalled the first two furlongs of the road; and

(*c*) the reason for not metalling the remaining four furlongs of the road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Want of funds.

Steamers at the Alleppey Port.

104. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of steamers that touched Alleppey port during 1116?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: 108 steamers called at the Alleppey Port during 1116 M. E.

Bridge across the Kovil thodu on the Chengannur-Aranmula Road.

105. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was provision in last year's budget for the construction of the Bridge across the Kovil thodu on the Chengannur-Aranmula Road;

(*b*) the nature of the work done last year and the amount spent thereon;

(*c*) the reason for not completing the construction of the bridge last year;

(*d*) whether there is provision in the current year's budget for completing the construction of the bridge; and

(*e*) the nature of the work done so far during current year in connection with the construction?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 411·5 Rft. of R. C. piles were moulded and 85 Rft. sunk down with an expenditure of Rs. 4,627-16-11 on the work.

(*c*) Owing to increase in the price of iron and cement the estimate had to be revised and there was also some delay in settling the contract. Further the monsoon set in unusually early and there was only a brief period for work in 1116.

(*d*) There is a provision of Rs. 3,000 in the current year's budget.

(*e*) Owing to the failure of the contractors and the consequent arrangements to settle fresh contract, no work has been done in 1117 M. E.

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